

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph **[0001]** with the following amended paragraph:

**[0001]** This application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending application Serial No. 10/070,246, filed June 26, 2002 (now abandoned), which is a 371 National Stage of International Application No. PCT/AU00/01022, filed August 29, 2000.

Please replace paragraph **[0029]** with the following amended paragraph:

**[0029]** The mixed bacterial culture of the present invention ~~has been~~ was deposited at the Australian Government Analytical Laboratories (AGAL), The New South Wales Regional Laboratory, 1, Suakin St., Pymble; NSW 2073, Australia, under Accession No. NM99/07541 on October 20, 1999.